

## Attachment 6: Environmental Document (Negative Declaration & Initial Study)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
320 WEST TEMPLE STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**PROJECT NO. R2014-00878-(1) / Advance Planning Case No. 2014 00002 /  
Environmental Assessment No. 2014 00077**

**1. DESCRIPTION:**

The project is an update to the East Los Angeles Community Standards District (CSD) to revise existing and establish new development standards for future development in residential and nonresidential zones. The proposed standards are designed to enhance the aesthetics of the community, encourage pedestrian oriented development as well as the reinvestment of existing older buildings, and streamline the modification process. The CSD update addresses the following: new sign program requirement, clarify existing maximum sign area for freestanding and business signs; revise landscaping requirements, implement departmental parking procedures for eating establishments within existing commercial buildings in commercial zones nonconforming due to parking; new building improvement incentive; access requirements; screening of mechanical equipment and service areas; new design requirements relating to façade elements; building frontage types; modification process to modify certain standards; and delete redundancies as well as relocate some standards from area specific standards to community-wide standards. All of the amendments proposed by the CSD revision pertain to improvements that would be part of future developments – each subject to their own CEQA review.

**2. LOCATION:**

Community of East Los Angeles

**3. PROPONENT:**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

**4. FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT:**

**BASED ON THE ATTACHED INITIAL STUDY, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT  
THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE  
ENVIRONMENT.**

**5. LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS:**

THE LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS ON  
WHICH ADOPTION OF THIS NEGATIVE DECLARATION IS BASED IS:  
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, 320 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS  
ANGELES, CA 90012

**PREPARED BY:** Community Studies East Section, Department of Regional Planning  
**DATE:** June 19, 2014

Environmental Checklist Form (Initial Study)  
County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning



Project title: East Los Angeles Community Standards District Update/ Project No. R2014-00878-(1)  
Advance Planning No. 201400002 / Environmental Assessment No. 201400077

Lead agency name and address: Los Angeles County, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Contact Person and phone number: Carmen Sainz, Supervising Regional Planner  
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Project sponsor's name and address: Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Project location: Unincorporated Community of East Los Angeles in Los Angeles County which includes the following Zone Districts: Eastside Unit 1, Eastside Unit 2, Eastside Unit 4, East Los Angeles, and City Terrace. This unincorporated area is bordered by the city of Los Angeles on the north and west, the cities of Monterey Park and Montebello on the east, and the city of Commerce on the south.

APN: various USGS Quad: Los Angeles Quadrangle

Gross Acreage: approximately 4.602 acres

General plan designation: NA

Community/Area wide Plan designation: East Los Angeles Community Plan: LD (Low Density Residential), LMD (Low Medium Density Residential), LD (Low Density Residential), MD (Medium Density Residential), RP (Residential Parking), CR (Commercial Residential), CC (Community Commercial), MC (Major Commercial), CM (Commercial Manufacturing), I (Industrial), P (Public Use)

Zoning: C-1-DP, C-2, C-3, C-3-DP, C-M, C-M-DP, CPD, IT, M-1, M-2, M-1-DP, M-3, O-S, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-3-DP, R-3-P, R-4, RPD-5000-9.5U

Description of project:

The project is an update to the existing East Los Angeles Community Standards District Update (CSD) to revise existing and establish new development standards for future development in residential and nonresidential zones. No zoning or land use changes are proposed. The CSD does not propose any increase in density. The update to the CSD consists of a revision of standards contained within the East Los Angeles Community Standards District (CSD) in the form of amendments to Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code (Code). These revisions encompass a more specific and comprehensive series of standards intended to enhance the aesthetics of the community, encourage pedestrian oriented development as well as the reinvestment of existing buildings, and streamline the modification process which simplifies the process required to modify certain CSD standards. Currently, to modify most of the standards, a variance application is required. The variance is a lengthy and costly process with no guarantees of approval. The CSD proposes a minor variation process to modify certain standards in lieu of a variance. The minor variation process is less stringent than the variance, less costly and processing time is shorter with greater chances of approval.

Revising existing developments standards would clarify: maximum allowed sign area for freestanding signs and all other wall signs; amend landscaping requirements for residential zones; clarify loading requirements; and setback requirements between commercial and industrial uses. The amendment includes deletion of

redundancies and relocating development standards within Zone Specific areas to Community-wide standards. This amendment includes new development standards to residential and nonresidential zoned parcels to enhance the aesthetics of older buildings. The new standards include the following: design standards to enhance the building facades of building by incorporating architectural elements, wall finish, buildings access and building frontage types. Additionally, the new standards include incorporation of current parking requirements for eating establishments within existing commercial structures nonconforming due to parking. These additional standards are intended to encourage the reinvestment of existing buildings in the community of ELA, an older, build-out community with very few vacant parcels.

The CSD proposes a new sign program for businesses of four or more tenants on any one site. Moreover, the CSD contains zone specific development standards for residential and commercial zones that include provisions for lot and building access, design standards, maximum sign area requirements, sign program, and building frontage types. Zone specific development standards for commercial and residential zones as proposed in the CSD include new provisions for structure design, utilities and equipment, and pedestrian accommodation requirements. The CSD will also delete the Building Improvement Incentive requirement from the Whittier Boulevard Area Zoned Specific Development Standards and insert it under Community-wide Development Standards to encourage property improvements of existing nonconforming buildings to enhance the appearance.

Surrounding land uses and setting: Existing land uses in East Los Angeles area consist of similar uses to the surrounding areas, including low-medium density and medium density residential, commercial manufacturing, and low density residential farther north. Adjacent to the East Los Angeles Community areas boundaries on all sides are low-medium density and medium density residential neighborhoods, as well as a various commercial and industrial uses, retail shopping centers, schools, cemeteries and hospitals

Other public agencies whose approval may be required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):

<i>Public Agency</i>	<i>Approval Required</i>
<u>NA</u>	<u>N/A</u>

#### Major projects in the area:

<i>Project / Case No.</i>	<i>Description and Status</i>
<u>R2011-01571, 4816 3rd Street</u>	<u>Conditional Use Permit to establish a new 24,800 square foot, two-story Community healthcare center that will provide adult and pediatric family practices, optometry, dentistry and other clinical services on a 1.32-acre site in the IT (Institutional) Zone. Minor parking deviation for less than 29% reduction in required parking. Status: Approved</u>
<u>R2012-02368, 4125 Whittier Blvd.</u>	<u>Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to establish a 25-unit affordable apartment complex, of which 96% of units are restricted affordable for very low income residents and one non-restricted manager's unit with a total of 29 covered parking spaces.</u>
<u>R2011-01434, 606 Fetterly Ave.</u>	<u>CUP to authorize a church in an existing 14,200 square foot building (church) and an accessory parsonage dwelling unit and a Parking Permit to authorize 36 parking spaces in lieu of the required 75 parking spaces for a church, located in the R-2 zone, East Los Angeles CSD, Eastside Unit No. 4 Zoned District. Project is exempt from the Low Impact Development, Green Building and Drought Tolerant Landscaping requirements. Categorical Exemption Class 1. Status: Pending</u>

**Reviewing Agencies:**

*Responsible Agencies*

- ☒ None  
Regional Water Quality Control  
Board:  
☐ Los Angeles Region  
☐ Lahontan Region  
☐ Coastal Commission  
☐ Army Corps of Engineers

*Special Reviewing Agencies*

- ☒ None  
☐ Santa Monica Mountains  
Conservancy  
☐ National Parks  
☐ National Forest  
☐ Edwards Air Force Base  
☐ Resource Conservation  
District of Santa Monica  
Mountains Area  
☐

*Regional Significance*

- ☒ None  
☐ SCAG Criteria  
☐ Air Quality  
☐ Water Resources  
☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Area  
☐

*Trustee Agencies*

- ☒ None  
☐ State Dept. of Fish and  
Wildlife  
☐ State Dept. of Parks and  
Recreation  
☐ State Lands Commission  
☐ University of California  
(Natural Land and Water  
Reserves System)

*County Reviewing Agencies*

- ☒ DPW:  
- Land Development Division  
(Grading & Drainage)  
- Traffic and Lighting Division

- ☒ Fire Department  
- Forestry, Environmental  
Division  
- Planning Division  
- Land Development Unit  
☒ Sanitation District  
☒ Public Health/Environmental  
Health Division: Land Use  
Program (OWTS), Drinking  
Water Program (Private  
Wells), Toxics Epidemiology  
Program (Noise)  
☒ Sheriff Department  
☒ Parks and Recreation  
☐ Subdivision Committee

## ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

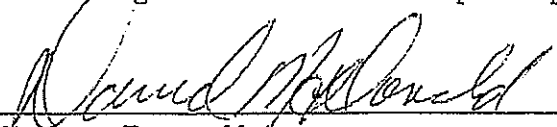
The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics           | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions    | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture/Forest   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards/Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality     | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning           | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources           | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Services                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy               | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings<br>of Significance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils        |  |  |

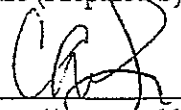
DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Department.)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- ☒ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- ☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

  
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Signature (Prepared by)

06/19/14  
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Date

  
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Signature (Approved by)

6-19-14  
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Date

## EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources the Lead Department cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the Lead Department has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level. (Mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses," may be cross-referenced.)
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA processes, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. (State CEQA Guidelines § 15063(c)(3)(D).) In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of, and adequately analyzed in, an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 7) The explanation of each issue should identify: the significance threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question, and; mitigation measures identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance. Sources of thresholds include the County General Plan, other County planning documents, and County ordinances. Some thresholds are unique to geographical locations.
- 8) Climate Change Impacts: When determining whether a project's impacts are significant, the analysis should consider, when relevant, the effects of future climate change on : 1) worsening hazardous conditions that pose risks to the project's inhabitants and structures (e.g., floods and wildfires), and 2) worsening the project's impacts on the environment (e.g., impacts on special status species and public health).

## 1. AESTHETICS

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Be visible from or obstruct views from a regional riding or hiking trail?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings because of height, bulk, pattern, scale, character, or other features?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Create a new source of substantial shadows, light, or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The Community Standards District (CSD) proposes amendments to Title 22 – Planning and Zoning – of the Los Angeles County Code to revise and clarify existing development standards as well as add new and more comprehensive development standards to enhance the visual character in the residential and nonresidential zones for future development and therefore would not degrade but would rather enhance the potential development sites and their surroundings. Many of the development standards would enhance the visual character of the community by requiring the screening of service areas and mechanical equipment from public view; locating clotheslines at the rear of the property; requiring a sign program for four or more tenants for uniformity throughout the commercial center; placing loading spaces away from residential uses and zones; prohibiting certain outdoor fixtures such as penny crunching machines, video games, donation boxes, animated characters and photo booths; building improvement incentive requirement to encourage property improvements to existing buildings; buildings frontage type requirements; incorporation of architectural elements; and standards which encourage parking access from the side or rear property as well as building frontage access requirements.

New standards or requirements will be applied to community-wide, zone specific and specific area development standards for residential and nonresidential zones. The CSD does not propose physical development such as increase in density, floor area or height. The CSD would not create substantial adverse effects on a scenic vista because the CSD does not propose any physical development.

The CSD area does not contain scenic vistas nor are there other scenic resources within the CSD area that could be affected by the implementation of the CSD. Therefore, there will be no impact on a scenic vista, including County-designated scenic resource areas (scenic highways as shown on the Scenic Highway Element, scenic corridors, scenic hillsides, and scenic ridgelines). Furthermore, the CSD will not substantially damage scenic resources including, but



not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, historic buildings, or undeveloped or undisturbed areas.

The closest regional riding and hiking trail is located in Griffith Park in the Los Feliz area of the City of Los Angeles, approximately ten miles north of the CSD area. ELA is not readily visible from this area and redevelopment as a result of the CSD would not be visible from or obstruct views from this hiking and equestrian area. Therefore it is determined that the CSD will have no impact on aesthetic resources.

There are no state scenic highways in the vicinity of the CSD area. The nearest designated scenic highway is the historic Arroyo Parkway, which is the north extension of 1-110 and is north of the City of Los Angeles. There are no other scenic resources that could be affected by the implementation of the CSD and therefore determined to have no impact.

The CSD does not propose an increase in height nor density and will not introduce any new sources of light, shadows, or glare to the area as no new development is proposed or uses are proposed as part of the project. Although future development could occur within the CSD area, the CSD would not change the development potential (including any associated environmental effects) from what would be allowed without the CSD. Any future development would be required to comply with the applicable County Zoning Code requirements as well as the goals and policies of the County General Plan. Accordingly, the project would have less than significant impact on aesthetics and, thus, would not contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact on aesthetics.

## 2. AGRICULTURE / FOREST

*In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board.*

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would the project:				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, with a designated Agricultural Opportunity Area, or with a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code § 12220 (g)), timberland (as defined in Public Resources Code § 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined in Government Code § 51104(g))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The CSD proposes amendments to Title 22 – Planning and Zoning - of the Los Angeles County Code to update and clarify existing development standards as well as add new and more comprehensive development standards for future development in the community of ELA. The CSD does not propose any zone changes or an increase in density.

There are no parcels designated as Prime or Unique Farmland of Statewide Importance in the CSD area or in the adjacent communities and therefore will not have any environmental impacts to agricultural resources in relation to the conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland).

There are no parcels in the CSD area that are zoned for agricultural use, located in an Agricultural Opportunity Area, or subject to a Williamson Act contract and therefore will not have any environmental impacts.

There are no parcels zoned for forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned for Timberland Production in the CSD area or in the adjacent communities. Therefore would be no impact.

There is no land zoned for forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use in the CSD area or in the adjacent communities. Therefore would be no impact.

The CSD area is in an intensely urbanized area and implementation of the CSD would not result in any changes in the environment that could result in conversion of Farmland or forest land. There would be no impact.

### 3. AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of applicable air quality plans of either the South Coast AQMD (SCAQMD) or the Antelope Valley AQMD (AVAQMD)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The CSD proposes amendments to Title 22 – Planning and Zoning – of the Los Angeles County Code to update and clarify existing development standards as well as add new and more comprehensive development standards for future development in the community of ELA. The proposed CSD would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of applicable air quality plans of the SCAQMD because the CSD does not propose any physical development, but rather provides more comprehensive and specific standards to guide future development in the community. Because the provisions of the CSD will neither directly nor indirectly expand what is built in ELA, impact on air quality would be less than significant. Furthermore, the purpose of the CSD update is to enhance the aesthetics of the community, encourage pedestrian oriented development as well as the reinvestment of existing older buildings which will not conflict or obstruct the implementation of applicable air quality plan of the SCAQMD. Moreover, for the aforementioned reasons, no provisions of the CSD would violate any applicable federal or state air quality standard or contribute substantially to any existing air quality violation.

Though the provisions of the CSD would not directly result in any physical changes in the environment including the construction of any new freeways or heavy industrial structures, it is possible that new construction will occur. All new construction will be required to comply with applicable air quality standards and, as such, exposure of sensitive receptors (e.g. schools, hospitals, parks) to substantial pollutant concentrations due to location near a freeway or heavy industrial use will be less than significant.

The CSD update would require, where feasible, lot access via an alley or side street. By placing parking in the rear of

commercial lots or buildings, the possibility does exist that when bordered by a residential zone, these parking lots may expose sensitive receptors to an increased level of pollution concentrations. The parking placement standards also include additional landscaping requirements for surface parking areas which include planting a canopy shade tree for every six parking spaces and subdividing the parking lots into smaller areas through the use of hardy landscaping able to withstand and thrive while absorbing soot and fumes. Screening walls will be required along the perimeter with abutting property which will also mitigate the air pollution effects.

The types of uses allowed in the CSD would not be expected to create objectionable odors. The proposed standards would apply to new construction. Therefore, would be no impact.

Any future development would be required to comply with all federal, state, regional, and local air quality standards as well as applicable rules, regulations, and requirements. Accordingly, the project would have less than significant impact on aesthetics and, thus, would not contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact on air quality.

#### 4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any sensitive natural communities (e.g., riparian habitat, coastal sage scrub, oak woodlands, non-jurisdictional wetlands) identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by CDFW or USFWS?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally or state protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marshes, vernal pools, coastal wetlands, and drainages) or waters of the United States, as defined by § 404 of the federal Clean Water Act or California Fish & Game code § 1600, et seq. through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Convert oak woodlands (as defined by the state, oak woodlands are oak stands with greater than 10% canopy cover with oaks at least 5 inch in diameter measured at 4.5 feet above mean natural grade) or otherwise contain oak or other unique native trees (junipers, Joshuas, southern California black walnut, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, including Wildflower Reserve Areas (L.A. County Code, Title 12, Ch. 12.36), the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 22, Ch. 22.56, Part 16), the	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) (L.A. County Code, Title 22, § 22.56.215), and Sensitive Environmental Resource Areas (SERAs) (L.A. County Code, Title 22, Ch. 22.44, Part 6)?

g) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted state, regional, or local habitat conservation plan?

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There are no habitats in the CSD area for species identified as candidate, sensitive, or special status or is expected to be impacted by implementation of the CSD. Therefore would be no impact.

There are no sensitive natural communities in the CSD area or in the adjacent communities. The CSD area is a highly urbanized portion of southern California. Therefore would be no impact.

There are no wetlands, marshes, vernal pools, drainages, or waters of the United States in the CSD area. Therefore would be no impact.

No wildlife movement corridors or regional wildlife linkages are in the CSD area. Due to the high level of disturbance within the CSD area, no special-status plant species are expected to occur.

There are no oak woodlands or other unique native trees in the CSD area. Therefore, there would be no impact.

The CSD area is not in a Wildflower Reserve area, a SEA, or a SERA, nor are there protected oak trees in the CSD area. Therefore, there would be no impact.

There is no adopted Habitat Conversation Plan, Natural Communities Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan that is applicable to the CSD area. Therefore, implementation of the CSD would not conflict with a Habitat Conversation Plan, Natural Communities Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan, and no impact would occur.

All Federal, State, and County requirements protecting biological resources would remain in place and could not be altered or circumvented by the CSD. Therefore, the CSD would not have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Similarly, the CSD would not have a substantial adverse effect on sensitive natural communities (e.g. riparian habitat, coastal sage scrub, oak woodlands, non-jurisdictional wetlands) identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations, CDFG, or USFWS including Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) identified in the General Plan, SEA Buffer Areas, and sensitive Environmental Resource Areas (SERAs) identified in the Coastal Zone Plan. Moreover, based on the aforementioned reasons, the CSD would not have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands (including marshes, vernal pools, and coastal wetlands) or waters of the United States, as defined by § 404 of the Clean Water Act through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means. Finally, the CSD is not in conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, including Wildflower Reserve Areas (L.A. County Code, Title 12, Ch. 12.36) and the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 22, Ch. 22.56, Part 16).

## 5. CULTURAL RESOURCES

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature, or contain rock formations indicating potential paleontological resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The CSD proposes amendments to Title 22 – Planning and Zoning – of the Los Angeles County Code to update and clarify existing development standards as well as add new and more comprehensive development standards for future development in the community of ELA. The proposed standards are designed to protect the historical, cultural, archaeological, and geological characteristics of the community and, as such, compliance with all applicable laws in the treatment of these resources would still be required and thus, impacts to cultural resources will be less than significant.

The Los Angeles County General Plan, which governs development in ELA, contains policies that provide for the protection of cultural heritage resources, including historical, archaeological, paleontological and geological sites, and significant architectural structures as well as encourage public use of cultural heritage sites, promote public awareness of cultural resources, and encourage private owners to protect cultural heritage resources in Los Angeles County. As such, in addition to the proposed standards in the CSD that aim to protect cultural resources in the area, all new development will be subject to these existing policies.

Based on the previous discussion, the CSD will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15054.5 nor will it directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site of unique geologic feature, or contain rock formations indicating potential paleontological resources. All new development will be required to comply with all applicable policies regarding cultural resources: disruption of human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries, and therefore, will be less than significant.

Any future development would be required to comply with all federal, state, regional, and local air quality standards as well as applicable rules, regulations, and requirements for the protection/treatment of cultural resources that may be encountered. Accordingly, the project would have less than significant impact on aesthetics cultural resources and, thus, would not contribute to a potentially significant impact on cultural resources.



## 6. ENERGY

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
Would the project:				
a) Conflict with Los Angeles County Green Building Ordinance (L.A. County Code Title 22, Ch. 22.52, Part 20 and Title 21, § 21.24.440) or Drought Tolerant Landscaping Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 21, § 21.24.430 and Title 22, Ch. 22.52, Part 21)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Involve the inefficient use of energy resources (see <u>Appendix F</u> of the CEQA Guidelines)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Per Appendix F of CEQA guidelines, the goal of conserving energy implies decreasing overall per capita energy consumption, decreasing reliance on fossil fuels such as coal, natural gas and oil, and increasing reliance on renewable energy sources. The County's Green Building Program was to establish green building development standards for new projects with the intent to, conserve water, conserve energy, conserve natural resources, divert waste from landfills, minimize impacts to existing infrastructure, and promote a healthier environment. The Green Building Program includes Green-Building Standards, Low-Impact Development standards, and Drought Tolerant Landscaping requirements.

No new development or land uses are proposed as part of the project. As such, the CSD would not change the development potential or land uses (including any associated environmental effects) from what would be allowed without the project. Any future development would be required to comply with the County's Green Building Program and all other applicable federal, state, and local codes, regulations, and requirements for energy conservation and efficiency. Accordingly, the project would have no impact on energy and, thus, would not involve the inefficiency use of energy resources. Therefore would be no impact.

## 7. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
Would the project:				
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known active fault trace? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction and lateral spreading?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of onsite wastewater treatment systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

f) Conflict with the Hillside Management Area Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 22, § 22.56.215) or hillside design standards in the County General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element?

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The State of California is susceptible to potential seismic hazards due to the existence of numerous faults throughout the state. This presents overall risks for damages to new and existing buildings and infrastructure. While there are numerous fault traces in ELA, the CSD area is not located within an Alquist-Priolo (AP) Earthquake Fault Zone Map issued by the State Geologist for the area. The nearest AP Fault Zones run east-west from South Pasadena to Monrovia and north-south in a small segment of El Monte. Therefore, there would be no impact.

Landslides are a type of erosion in which masses of earth and rock move down slope as a single unit. Susceptibility of slopes to landslides and other forms of slope failure depend on several factors, including steep slopes, condition of rock and soil materials, presence of water, formational contacts, geologic shear zone, and seismic activity.

Although, the CSD does not create any physical changes to the environment, it indirectly affects future physical projects through development standards for new development. The structures most susceptible to seismic hazards are unreinforced masonry buildings and/or buildings constructed prior to the adoption of building codes. Any construction of new buildings in ELA that would be required to comply with the CSD would also be required to comply with the California Building Code; therefore the CSD would not directly or indirectly expose people or structures to any increased seismic risk.

Because all future improvement and new development projects must also comply with all relevant engineering and seismic standards, the CSD will neither directly or indirectly create any significant impacted related to geologic hazards. The CSD does not mandate new construction, but rather provides a comprehensive framework for future development. As such, the CSD will not directly or indirectly expand what is built in ELA nor will it increase the level of future development beyond what would take place without the CSD. Although the CSD adds a development standard to encourage seismic upgrading of existing buildings, state and local building codes, regulations and requirements will still apply.

Furthermore, the CSD will not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of top soil. All new development would be subject to applicable regulations concerning soil and erosion control. As such, the impacts of any new projects being located on a geological unit or soil that is unstable or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse would be less than significant. Additionally, the impacts of new projects being located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property would also be less than significant.

All new development pursuant to the CSD would be required to connect to the County sewer system and there would be no alternative wastewater treatment or disposal systems for any development pursuant to the CSD. There would be no impact.

Moreover, the CSD is not in conflict with the Hillside Management Area Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 22, § 22.56.215) or hillside design standards in the County General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element because any new development will be subject to both the Hillside Management Area Ordinance and the General Plan. Therefore, there would be no impact.

Any future development would be required to comply with all applicable state and local building codes, regulations, and requirements relating to geotechnical/soils hazards and constraints. Accordingly, the project would have less than significant impact on geology and soils and, thus, would not involve contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact on geology and soils.

## 8. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
Would the project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The CSD proposes amendments to Title 22 – Planning and Zoning – of the Los Angeles County Code to update and clarify existing development standards as well as add new and more comprehensive development standards for future development in the community of ELA. Because the CSD will neither directly nor indirectly significantly expand what is built in ELA nor will it increase the level of future development, the CSD will not increase GHG emissions that may have a significant impact on the environment. Moreover, the CSD does not conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases including regulations implementing AB 32 of 2006, and all applicable policies relating to GHG emission reduction.

Any future development would be required to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local codes, regulations, and requirements to reduce GHG emissions. Accordingly, the project would have no impact on GHG emissions and, thus, would not contribute to a potentially significant impact on GHG emissions.

## 9. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, storage, production, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials or waste into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of sensitive land uses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan, or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving fires, because the				

project is located:

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| i) within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (Zone 4)?                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| ii) within a high fire hazard area with inadequate access?                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) within an area with inadequate water and pressure to meet fire flow standards?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| iv) within proximity to land uses that have the potential for dangerous fire hazard? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| i) Does the proposed use constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard?             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

The CSD does not mandate development, and as such will neither directly nor indirectly expand what is built in ELA or increase the level of future development. the CSD will not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, storage, production, use, or disposal of hazardous materials or use of pressurized tanks on-site. Moreover, all future development will be required to comply with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to the transport, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste and, as such, the CSD will not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials or waste into the environment nor will it emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of sensitive land uses (e.g. homes, schools, hospitals).

Because there are no hazardous materials sites located in the community of ELA, as referenced in the Department of Toxic Substances Control Enviro database, the CSD area does not include a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5 and, as a result, it would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment. All future development pursuant to the CSD will be required to adhere to applicable policies and regulations concerning safety in the vicinity of an airport and/or airstrip. The CSD area does not contain any airport or airstrip. As such, for a project located within an airport land use plan, or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, the CSD would have a less than significant impact on the safety of people residing or working in the project area. Moreover, based on the aforementioned reasons, for a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, the CSD would have a less than significant impact on the safety of people residing or working in the project area. Because the CSD does not mandate or propose any new development and all future development would have to meet all current requirements in addition to those proposed by the CSD, the CSD would not impair the implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. The community of ELA does not contain property located in a Very High Fire Severity Zone (Zone 4), the CSD itself would not increase the level of development in the area beyond what would have occurred in the absence of the CSD (Los Angeles County Safety Element – Wildland and Urban Fire Hazards Map). Therefore, the CSD does not increase the exposure of people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving fires, because the project is located: in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (Zone 4), in a high fire hazard area with inadequate access, in an area with inadequate water and pressure to meet fire flow hazards, or in proximity to land uses that have the potential for dangerous fire hazard (such as refineries, flammables, and explosives manufacturing). Future development would still be required to comply with all applicable fire standards including access and fire flow requirements, and impacts would be less than significant.

The CSD area is not located within an Airport Influence Area of an airport or within two miles of a public airport or

public use airport. The nearest airport to the CSD area is Los Angeles International Airport and Compton-Woodley Airport, which are 10 to 14 miles, respectively, from the closest boundary of the CSD area. There would be no impact.

The CSD area does not contain a private airstrip, nor is there any private airstrip in the vicinity of the CSD area. There would be no impact.

No portion of the CSD area is located within a high fire hazard area with inadequate access with the exception of City Terrace which is developed with substandard streets. However, future development would still be required to comply with all applicable fire standards including access and fire flow requirements, and impacts would be less than significant.

The CSD would allow for infill development of residential and commercial uses, which would not include uses that would constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard. Therefore, there would be no impact.

Any future development would be required to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local codes, regulations, and requirements for managing risks associated with hazards and hazardous materials. Accordingly, the project would have no impact with regard to hazards and hazardous materials and, thus, would not contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact with regard to hazards and hazardous materials.

## 10. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Add water features or create conditions in which standing water can accumulate that could increase habitat for mosquitoes and other vectors that transmit diseases such as the West Nile virus and result in increased pesticide use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Generate construction or post-construction runoff that would violate applicable stormwater NPDES permits or otherwise significantly affect surface water or groundwater quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



h) Conflict with the Los Angeles County Low Impact Development Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 12, Ch. 12.84 and Title 22, Ch. 22.52)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Result in point or nonpoint source pollutant discharges into State Water Resources Control Board-designated Areas of Special Biological Significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Use onsite wastewater treatment systems in areas with known geological limitations (e.g. high groundwater) or in close proximity to surface water (including, but not limited to, streams, lakes, and drainage course)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
k) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map, or within a floodway or floodplain?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
m) Place structures, which would impede or redirect flood flows, within a 100-year flood hazard area, floodway, or floodplain?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
n) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
o) Place structures in areas subject to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Future development subject to the CSD may occur that could drain into existing bodies of water and/or waterways. However, any future development would be subject to all existing water quality standards and waste discharge requirements, therefore the CSD would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements.

Because the CSD does not increase the level of development in the area beyond what would have occurred in the absence of the CSD, there would not be a substantial increase in paved or other impervious surfaces that could impact drainage, runoff and/or groundwater. As such, the CSD will not substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted). Because all future development will be required to comply with all applicable policies and regulations pertaining to hydrology and water quality, the CSD would also not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site.

Because any future development would have to obtain all necessary permits before initiating construction, it would not specifically allow any future development to create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems, or allow the generation of construction or post-construction runoff that would violate any applicable storm water NPDES permits or otherwise significantly affect surface water or groundwater quality. The CSD also would not conflict with the Los Angeles County Low Impact Development Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 12, Ch. 12.84) because all future development would be required to comply with this ordinance. Similarly, the CSD would not allow development that would result in point or nonpoint source pollution discharges into State Water Resources Control Board-designated areas of Special Biological Significance. Moreover, all future development will be required to comply with acceptable usages of septic tanks or other private sewage disposal system in areas with known septic tank limitations or in close proximity to a drainage course, or otherwise substantially degrade water quality.

The CSD does not propose any new development and all future development will be required to comply with all applicable flood zone restrictions (Los Angeles County Safety Element – Flood Inundation Hazards Map). As such, the CSD would have less than significant impacts concerning the location of housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map, or within a floodway or floodplain nor would it place structures, which would impede or redirect flood flows, within a 100-year flood hazard area, floodway, or floodplain. In addition, all future development will be required to comply with applicable regulations concerning proper location and structural design to withstand flooding and other water-related disasters. As such, the CSD would have a less than significant impact concerning exposure of people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam. Also based on the aforementioned reasons, the CSD would have a less than significant impact in terms of the location of structures in areas subject to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow.

The CSD area is not located within a 100-year flood hazard area, floodway, or floodplain. There would be no impact. According to the County General Plan, the CSD area is not located in the path of flooding from any dam. Therefore, there would be no impact.

There are no enclosed water bodies in close proximity to the CSD area that could result in seiche. The CSD area is not located in a tsunami inundation zone. There are no foothills or mountains in proximity to the CSD area that would present a risk of mudflow to visitors, residents, or businesses in the CSD area. Therefore, there would be no impact.

Any future development would be required to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local codes, regulations, and requirements for the protection of hydrology and water quality. This would include compliance with all applicable Low Impact Development and NPDES requirements as well as obtaining appropriate permit for any new septic system. Accordingly, the project would have no impact on hydrology and water quality and, thus, would not contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact on hydrology and water quality.

## 11. LAND USE AND PLANNING

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Be inconsistent with the applicable County plans for the subject property including, but not limited to, the General Plan, specific plans, local coastal plans, area plans, and community/neighborhood plans?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Be inconsistent with the County zoning ordinance as applicable to the subject property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Conflict with Hillside Management criteria, Significant Ecological Areas conformance criteria, or other applicable land use criteria?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The CSD proposes amendments to Title 22 – Planning and Zoning – of the Los Angeles County Code to update and clarify existing development standards as well as add new and more comprehensive development standards for future development in the community of ELA. The CSD does not propose any zone or land use changes. Therefore, the CSD is consistent with the County General Plan and East Los Angeles Community Plan as well as the County Zoning Ordinance.

A physical division of an established community would be caused by an impediment to through travel or a physical barrier such as a new freeway with limited access between neighborhoods on either side of the freeway, or major street closures. The CSD would not result in development of new thoroughfares or highways; it would focus on new development to enhance the aesthetics of the community. Therefore, the CSD would not divide an established community and there would be no impact.

No established community is proposed to be physically divided by the CSD. Moreover, one of the goals of the CSD is to encourage the pedestrian oriented for future development as well as the reinvestment of existing older buildings. Furthermore, the CSD does not mandate any new development or alterations to the existing physical environment and all new development must comply with all applicable policies and regulations. As such, the CSD will have less than significant impacts in terms of physically dividing an established community, being inconsistent with the zoning designation of the subject property.

Since there are no SEA's within the CSD area, there is no conflict with SEA Conformance Criteria. All Hillside Management Area Ordinance regulations would still be applicable. Consistency with the other provisions of Title 22 will be maintained with this CSD amendment. Therefore it is determined that the CSD will no impact to Land Use & Planning for the community.

Any future development would be required to comply with the County's zoning code as well as all applicable goals and policies of the County's General Plan and the East Los Angeles Community Plan. Accordingly, the CSD would have no impact on land use and planning and, thus, would not contribute to a potentially significant cumulative on land use and planning.



## 12. MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The CSD area does not include any mineral resource zones (Mineral Resource Zones - Source: California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology, Current as of 1994, Claremont-Upland Production-Consumption region updated as of 2007.). Implementation of the CSD would not result in substantial excavation activities that could affect mineral resources. There would be no impact which will result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state.

The CSD does not propose any physical development resulting in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan. Therefore, no impact to mineral resources.

Any future development would be required to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local codes, regulations, and requirements relating to mineral resources. Accordingly, the project would have no impact to mineral resources and, thus, would not contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact with regard to mineral resources.

### 13. NOISE

Would the project result in:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Exposure of persons to, or generation of, noise levels in excess of standards established in the County General Plan or noise ordinance (Los Angeles County Code, Title 12, Chapter 12.08), or applicable standards of other agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project, including noise from parking areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project, including noise from amplified sound systems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

All construction activities associated with the implementation of the CSD would be subject to any local noise control ordinance as well as the County noise ordinance (Title 12 of the County Code). As such, the CSD would have a less than significant impact in terms of causing exposure of persons to, or generation of, noise in excess of standards established in the County noise ordinance (Los Angeles County Code, Title 12, Chapter 12.08).

Moreover, the CSD would have less than significant impacts in terms of causing the exposure of sensitive receptors (e.g. schools, hospitals, senior citizen facilities) to excessive noise levels nor would it cause a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above existing levels without the project, including noise from parking areas or a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels

existing without the project, including noise from amplified sound systems. Again, based on the fact that all future development will be required to comply with all applicable regulations concerning noise, the CSD will have less than significant impacts concerning the exposure of people residing or working in a project area to excessive noise levels for projects located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport. There are no airports within the community of ELA.

The CSD area does not contain an airport nor is it within an Airport Influence Area or under an airport land use plan and therefore the CSD project will have no impact. The CSD area is not within the vicinity of a private airstrip. Therefore, there would be no impact.

Any future development would be required to comply with the County's Noise Control ordinance and all applicable noise standards. Accordingly, the project would have no impact to mineral resources and, thus, would not contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact on noise.

## 14. POPULATION AND HOUSING

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
Would the project:				
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, especially affordable housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Cumulatively exceed official regional or local population projections?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The CSD proposes amendments to Title 22 – Planning and Zoning – of the Los Angeles County Code to update and clarify existing development standards as well as add new and more comprehensive development standards for future development in the community of ELA. Because the CSD will neither directly nor indirectly expand what is built in ELA, nor will it increase the level of future development, the CSD will not have a negative impact on population and/or housing.

The CSD does not mandate development and, more specifically, it does not propose new housing, businesses, road extensions, or other infrastructure improvements that would induce substantial population growth in the area. As such, it will not directly or indirectly induce substantial population growth in the area. The CSD does not propose any housing directly and all future projects subject to the CSD would be required to comply with other County requirements regulating density. Furthermore, the CSD does not include any rezoning or any plan amendment that would increase density. As such, the CSD will have less than significant impacts in terms of cumulatively exceeding official regional or local population projections. Furthermore, the CSD does not propose changes in land use or mandate the removal of existing houses such that would displace existing housing, affordable or otherwise. Second units and other affordable housing projects are currently subject to regulation under the Code and the CSD does not place additional constraints or restrictions on said housing. Finally, the CSD does not propose to displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere.

The CSD area contains existing residences. The residential neighborhoods would not be subject to change under the CSD other than façade and maintenance improvements. No housing is being converted, or anyone to be displaced, as a result of the CSD amendment. Therefore, there would be no impact.

Implementation of the CSD would result in infill development or redevelopment that would not displace substantial numbers of people. No housing is being converted, nor anyone displaced, as a result of the CSD update. Therefore, there would be no impact.

Although the CSD does not propose any new development, road/infrastructure, or land uses, future development shall comply with the existing zoning and land use designations. Therefore, the CSD would not induce population growth in the CSD area. The project will not change the development potential, land uses, or density (including



associated environmental effects) from what would be allowed without the CSD amendments.

Any future development would be required to comply with the County's zoning as well as be consistent with the land use designations of the East Los Angeles Community Plan. Accordingly, the project would have no impact on population and housing and, thus, would not contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact with regard to population and housing.

## 15. PUBLIC SERVICES

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Would the project create capacity or service level problems, or result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheriff protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Libraries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The CSD does not propose an increase in density. No zone or land use changes are proposed as part of the CSD update. The CSD proposes no new development and no direct increase in public service. All future development pursuant to the CSD will be required to comply with all applicable policies and regulations pertaining to provision of public services. As such, the CSD would have less than significant impacts concerning capacity or service level problems, and concerning substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services (including fire protection, sheriff protection, schools, parks, libraries, and other public facilities).

Any future development would be required to comply with the County's zoning and land use designations of the East Los Angeles Community Plan, and all applicable County regulations and requirements for public services. Accordingly, the project would have no impact on public services and, thus, would not contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact on public services.

## 16. RECREATION

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of such facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Would the project interfere with regional open space connectivity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The CSD area and vicinity have been previously developed and located in an urbanized area. The CSD will neither directly nor indirectly expand what is built in ELA, nor will it increase the level of future development or, the CSD will not have a significant negative impact on recreation.

The CSD would not increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated. Moreover, this project does not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment. All future development pursuant to the CSD would be required to comply with all applicable policies and regulations pertaining to the natural environment and regional open space connectivity. As such, the CSD would have a less than significant impact in terms of a parkland provision interfering with regional open space connectivity.

As discussed above, the CSD would not interfere with regional open space connectivity. There are no regional trails or bicycle paths that would be affected by the implementation of the CSD. Therefore, there would be no impact.

The CSD does not propose any new parks or other recreational facilities. The CSD would not result in any population growth as no new development or land uses are proposed as part of this update. Therefore the project would not increase the use of existing parks/recreational facilities; require the construction or expansion of parks/recreational facilities; or interfere with regional open space connectivity. The project will not change the development potential, land uses or density from what would be allowed without the CSD.

Any future development would be required to comply with the County's zoning as well as be consistent with the land use designations of the East Los Angeles Community Plan. Accordingly, the project would have no impact recreation and, thus, would not contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact with regard to recreation.

## 17. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program (CMP), including, but not limited to, level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the CMP for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The CSD does not mandate or propose new development, and any future development must comply with all current policies and regulations relating to traffic and all modes of transportation. As such, the CSD would not conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing a measure of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation, including mass transit and non-motorized travel, and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways, and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit. All future development pursuant to the CSD will be required to comply with the County Congestion Management Plan (CMP) and, as such, the CSD will have no impact related to exceeding the (CMP) Transportation Impact Analysis thresholds.

Based on the aforementioned reasoning, and because all future development will also be subject to applicable traffic standards, the CSD will have less than significant impacts concerning any conflicts with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to, level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other

standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the CMP, for designated roads or highways (50 peak hour vehicles added by project traffic to a CMP highway system intersection or 150 peak hour trips added by project traffic to a mainline freeway link. Based on the aforementioned reasons, the CSD will have a less than significant impact in terms of an alteration in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in field traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks. All future development will still be required to comply with applicable regulations concerning safe design features and, as such, the CSD will have a less than significant impact in terms of a substantial increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g. sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g. farm equipment), nor will it result in inadequate emergency access. Because all new development must comply with all applicable policies and regulations contained in other transportation plans, the CSD will not conflict with the Bikeway Plan, Pedestrian Plan, Transit Oriented District development standards in the County General Plan Mobility Element, or other adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g. bus turnouts, bicycle racks). Lastly, because all development pursuant to the CSD must comply with all transportation safety elements, the CSD will have less than significant impacts in terms of decreasing the performance or safety of alternative transportation facilities.

The CSD would not result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that could result in substantial safety risks, as no airports are located near nor within the CSD area. Therefore, there would be no impact.

Any future development would be required to comply with all applicable County codes, plans, policies, and requirements relating to traffic and access. Accordingly, the project would have no impact on transportation/traffic.

## 18. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of either the Los Angeles or Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Boards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Create water or wastewater system capacity problems, or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Create drainage system capacity problems, or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Have sufficient reliable water supplies available to serve the project demands from existing entitlements and resources, considering existing and projected water demands from other land uses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Create energy utility (electricity, natural gas, propane) system capacity problems, or result in the construction of new energy facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The CSD does not mandate or propose new development, and any future development must still comply with all applicable policies, standards, and regulations relating to public infrastructure and the provision of utilities and services. As such, the CSD will not exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the Los Angeles or Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Boards, create water or wastewater system capacity problems, or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects. Moreover, because the CSD does not propose any new development and all future development must comply with applicable regulations and policies pertaining to drainage,

it will have a less than significant impact in terms of the creation of drainage system capacity problems, or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects. Moreover, all future development pursuant to the CSD must comply with applicable water availability standards and, as such, the CSD will have a less than significant impact in terms of ensuring that sufficient reliable water supplies are available to serve project demands from existing entitlements and resources, considering existing and projected water demands from other land uses will be established through future projects.

Because any future development must comply with all applicable policies and regulations, the CSD will not conflict with the Los Angeles County Low Impact Development Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 12) or Drought Tolerant Landscaping Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 31). Furthermore, because the CSD does not mandate or propose any new development and all future development would be required to meet energy capacity requirements and comply with applicable policies and regulations pertaining to all utilities and service systems, it will have less than significant impacts in terms of the creation of energy utility (electricity, natural gas, propane) system capacity problems, or result in the construction of new energy facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects, nor will it need to be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs. Finally, again because any future development must comply with all applicable policies and regulations, the CSD will comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste.

## 19. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

- |  | <i>Potentially<br/>Significant<br/>Impact</i> | <i>Less Than<br/>Significant<br/>Impact with<br/>Mitigation<br/>Incorporated</i> | <i>Less Than<br/>Significant<br/>Impact</i> | <i>No<br/>Impact</i>     |
|--|---|--|---|--------------------------|
| a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals?   | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?<br>("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The CSD update will not change the development potential, land uses, or density (including any associated environmental effects) from what would be allowed without the CSD updates. Any future development would be required to comply with the County's zoning as well as be consistent with the land use designations of the General Plan and the East Los Angeles Community Plan.

This Initial Study evaluated the potential project specific impacts as well as the potential cumulative impacts for the environmental topics in sections 1 through 18. Based on the analyses in Section 5. Cultural Resources, concluded that the project would not have the potential to impact cultural or paleontological resources. The analyses in this initial study also did not identify any potential for this project to achieve short-term environmental goals at the expense of long-term environmental goals. Furthermore, the analyses concluded that the project would not contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact for any of the environmental topics evaluated in this Initial Study. Lastly, the Initial Study concluded that the project would not cause a substantial adverse effects on human beings based on the analyses in the following sections: 1. Aesthetics, 2. Agriculture/Forest, 3. Air Quality, 4. Biological Resources, 6. Energy, 7. Geology and Soils, 8. Greenhouse Gas Emissions, 9. Hazards and Hazardous Materials, 10. Hydrology and Water Quality, 11. Land Use and Planning, 12. Mineral Resources, 13. Noise, 14. Population and Housing, 15. Public Services, 16. Recreation, 17. Transportation/Traffic, and 18. Utilities and Service



Systems. Accordingly, the project would not meet any of the above mandatory findings of significance.

All applicable environmental regulations will still be applied to all future development projects. The CSD amendment's effect on the built environment will result in a positive effect on the human population in the community and not cause an adverse effect on humans, as mentioned above, either directly or indirectly. Therefore, it is determined that the CSD amendment and its amendment to existing development standards for residential and nonresidential zones will have a less than significant impact on the environment.